

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 7578  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD FLASH  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN FLASH  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI FLASH  
SECDEF FLASH  
CINCPAC FLASH

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SECDEF: FOR DIRNSA (FORT MEADE, MD)

CINCPAC: FOR POLAD: CP (H.M. SMITH, HI)

ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI, TEHRAN: ALSO FOR USDAOS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AF  
SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

REF: KABUL 3224 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF 1500 KABUL TIME, THE GUNFIRE HAS LESSENERD  
SOMEWHAT. OCCASIONAL TANK AND SMALL ARMS ROUNDS ARE  
STILL BEING HEARD, ESPECIALLY NEAR THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
IN SHARI-I-NAU. WE STILL HEAR TANKS AND ARMORED PERSONNEL  
CARRIERS (APC) MOVING WITHIN THE CITY. TWELVE TANKS WERE  
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SEEN HEADED OUT DARULUMAN ROAD TOWARD FIRST CORPS HEADQUARTERS.

2. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THAT HIS EMBASSY  
HAS TAKEN TWO TANK ROUNDS. THE FRENCH CONSULATE, LOCATED  
WITHIN THE COMPOUND, HAS BEEN DESTROYED. A "REFUGEE" FROM THE  
NEIGHBORING PALACE COMPOUND HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN HIS COMPOUND.

3. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, BUILDINGS IN THE PALACE COMPOUND, AND IN PUSHTUNISTAN SQUARE ARE ALL TAKING ROUNDS. BODIES ARE REPORTEDLY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THESE AREAS.

4. MILITARY ACTION STARTED AROUND NOON WHEN NINE TANKS -- PRESUMABLY A REBEL FORCE -- RACED PAST THE EMBASSY TOWARD THE PALACE AREA. A U.S. MARINE FOLLOWED THEM AND SAW ONE TANK FIRE A ROUND AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. SUBSEQUENTLY, SEVERAL ADDITIONAL TANKS (WE HAVE COUNTED AT LEAST FIFTY) HAVE PASSED BY OUR EMBASSY ON THE WAY INTO THE ACTION.

5. AT THE PRESENT TIME, FIGHTING IS CONCENTRATED AROUND THE PALACE COMPOUND AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITH FORCES WITHIN BOTH COMPOUNDS EXCHANGING FIRE WITH THOSE OUTSIDE. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME WHICH IS WHICH.

6. TELEPHONES ARE WORKING. ALL AMERICANS AS FAR AS WE KNOW ARE SAFE.  
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